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For the record, the synopsis of facts in applicant's request is incomplete. The PTO 326 form mailed 12/14/00 (Paper No. 9) indicates that two PTO 1449 forms (Paper Nos. 6 and 8) were mailed back to applicant with that communication. One of those 1449 forms (Paper No. 6) is the one applicant now alleges was not returned. An examination of the official file shows no evidence of applicant inquiring as to the whereabouts of this form until sometime after the application was allowed, approximately 4 years after the 12/14/00 communication (indicating the return of Paper No. 6) was mailed to applicant.



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